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1. In late February 1951, CH'EN Ping-chang (陳秉章), a political worker from the Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters, was trying to indoctrinate fishermen in the Wanshan Islands area. Every evening at 1900 hours a large number of fishermen from the neighboring islands were assembled on Ta Wan Shan (大灣山) to hear CH'EN and his subordinates lecture on Communist principles.
2. In early May mariners and fishermen were being recruited by Soviet naval experts for training in naval intelligence in Yulin, Hainan, and preparations were being made in Yulin for the occupation of the Paracel Islands as part of the Soviet global strategy. A unit of wireless experts has been trained for service in one of the Paracel islands about 390 miles southwest of Hong Kong. In late April a small submarine was sighted by fishermen near Lincoln Island in the Paracels. Later, the fishermen saw two submarines making soundings at Gold and Silver Island in the Paracels.

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1. ☐ Comment. For further information on Communist indoctrination of South China fishermen, ☐

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2. ☐ Comment. ☐ contains a description of Chinese Communist training activities in Yulin, Hainan.

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